



**MATHEMATICS
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PAPER 3 – SERIES AND DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS**

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1 hour

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- Do not open this examination paper until instructed to do so.
- Answer all the questions.
- Unless otherwise stated in the question, all numerical answers must be given exactly or correct to three significant figures.

Please start each question on a new page. Full marks are not necessarily awarded for a correct answer with no working. Answers must be supported by working and/or explanations. In particular, solutions found from a graphic display calculator should be supported by suitable working, e.g. if graphs are used to find a solution, you should sketch these as part of your answer. Where an answer is incorrect, some marks may be given for a correct method, provided this is shown by written working. You are therefore advised to show all working.

1. [Maximum mark: 10]

(a) Find the value of $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \left(\frac{\ln x}{\sin 2\pi x} \right)$. [3 marks]

(b) By using the series expansions for e^{x^2} and $\cos x$ evaluate $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{1 - e^{x^2}}{1 - \cos x} \right)$. [7 marks]

2. [Maximum mark: 9]

Find the exact value of $\int_0^{\infty} \frac{dx}{(x+2)(2x+1)}$.

3. [Maximum mark: 14]

A curve that passes through the point (1, 2) is defined by the differential equation

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 2x(1 + x^2 - y).$$

(a) (i) Use Euler's method to get an approximate value of y when $x = 1.3$, taking steps of 0.1. Show intermediate steps to four decimal places in a table.

(ii) How can a more accurate answer be obtained using Euler's method? [5 marks]

(b) Solve the differential equation giving your answer in the form $y = f(x)$. [9 marks]

4. [Maximum mark: 14]

(a) Given that $y = \ln \cos x$, show that the first two non-zero terms of the Maclaurin series for y are $-\frac{x^2}{2} - \frac{x^4}{12}$. [8 marks]

(b) Use this series to find an approximation in terms of π for $\ln 2$. [6 marks]

5. [Maximum mark: 13]

(a) Find the radius of convergence of the series $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n x^n}{(n+1)3^n}$. [6 marks]

(b) Determine whether the series $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (\sqrt[3]{n^3+1} - n)$ is convergent or divergent. [7 marks]
